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**Amendment/Response**

SIR:

In response to the office action of November 13, 2007, Applicant respectfully presents the following arguments in support of patentability of the claims of the instant application. The Declaration of Dr. Richard Hochberg, a professor of Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences at Yale University, is provided in support of the patentability of the present invention.